

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

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Karen Wells and Andre Locke as co-trustees for the next of kin of Amir Rahkare Locke, deceased,

Case No. 23-cv-273 (ECT/DLM)

Plaintiffs,

v.

**Joint Motion Striking  
Pretrial Conference**

Mark Hanneman, in his individual capacity as a Minneapolis police officer, and the City of Minneapolis,

Defendants.

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Whereas, this case involves claims by Plaintiffs against the above municipal Defendant, the City of Minneapolis (the “City”), and its employee, Mark Hanneman, individually, and in his capacity as an employee (collectively, “Defendants”);

Whereas, the Defendants brought a Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings, seeking to dismiss the entirety of this action;

Whereas, this Court issued an Order on July 8, 2024, denying the entirety of Defendants’ motion;

Whereas, on July 11, 2024, this Court issued an Order Setting Pretrial Conference (“July 11, 2024 Order”), setting a pretrial conference for August 12, 2024;

Whereas, the Defendants intend to file a notice of interlocutory appeal to the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals on or before August 7, 2024, which Defendants assert would stay the entirety of these proceedings;

Whereas, the Defendants respectfully request that the Court cancel the pretrial conference set for August 12, 2024 and strike the July 11, 2024 Order and the requirements set forth therein;

Whereas, Plaintiffs do not waive and expressly preserve any jurisdictional argument they may raise in response to Defendants' appeal, but do not object to this request solely because they believe it makes sense from an efficiency standpoint;

Whereas, Plaintiffs' present intent is to file a motion to dismiss Defendants' appeal for a lack of jurisdiction;

Now therefore, the parties jointly move the Court to issue an Order as follows:

1. The Pretrial Conference in this matter set for August 12, 2024, is hereby stricken as are all deadlines set forth in this Court's July 11, 2024 Order Setting Pretrial Conference; and

2. The parties shall alert the Court within five business days upon the entry of any Order by the Eighth Circuit holding that jurisdiction remains or shall be returned to this Court.

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**Dated:** July 22, 2024

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